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MOVEMENTS OF RED TROOPS Communists Intensify Try To Close Yangtse S. CHINA UPRISEINGS

Policemen Stabbed

Two constables from the Mongkok Station were stabbed by a party of unidentified men, who attacked them as they were about to buy tickets outside the Mongkok Theatre, last night.

Tam Kwong who was knifed in the back was taken to the Kowloon Hospital in a serious condition. His colleague, Pui Chi, was wounded on the left arm. Both were in civvies, being off-duty.

Eye-witnesses reported that about six or seven men surrounded the constables and assaulted them.

No arrest has been reported yet.

ss. Hanyang Discharging At Red Port

The British steamer Hanyang is now discharging cargo at Taku Bar and is expected to return to Hong Kong with passengers and cargo, leaving tomorrow.

This is the official confirmation of prevailing rumours that the Butterfield and Swire vessel was loading cargo for the Chinese Red port before her departure here.

"Negotiations for the resumption of trade with the Reds were carried out by our Tientsin office and the ss. Hanyang was sent North as requested," a senior official stated yesterday.

Another R. and S. steamer, the Hunan, is due to sail today for Tientsin and the company is accepting cargo for the Red port.

No bookings for passengers will be accepted for the time being, until can be ascertained what formalities and requirements are necessary for their disembarkation there.

On her arrival here, the ss. Hanyang will go into dock and will be replaced by her sister ship, the Pakhoi, which formerly operated on the North China run as a cargo ship but was recently converted to accommodate passengers.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the ss. Taikishan, which has been diverted from her regular Hong Kong-Bangkok run, is due to leave for Weihaiwei, near Chefoo. This could not, however, be confirmed officially yesterday.

Up to date, five Hong Kong steamers have cleared officially for the Chinese Communist ports. The Hanyang sailed on March 5 with Inchon and Pusan (South Korean ports) as her destinations.

The first ship to leave here marking the official resumption of trade with the Reds was the Eastern Trader, which sailed on March 11. The Grand, Esang and Daviken cleared for Tientsin. The Lady Wolmer left for Weihaiwei.

Match Factory Workers Walk Out En Masse

About 200 workers of the Hong Kong Match Factory walked out en masse yesterday when their 24-hour ultimatum was disregarded by the management.

The strike began at 10 a.m., sharp—the deadline of three demands made by the workers on March 10.

It started with the dismissal of Wong Sau-ying on March 1. The management claimed the woman had committed many offences and that she was irresponsible.

The workers, on the other hand, claimed that she was dismissed because of higher level favouritism in favour of a certain Senior employee's friend who wanted a job.

The demands were that there be no occurrence of similar incidents, that Wong be rehabilitated and that full-time wage be given workers injured in the course of employment.

In a letter to the 16-man Committee, formed by the workers, the management explained the circumstances which compelled them to take the decisive measure to dismiss Wong.

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Commemorating St. Patrick's Day



St. Patrick's Day was commemorated in the Colony yesterday by the St. Patrick's Society of Hong Kong. A wreath was placed at the Cenotaph by the President of the Society, Mr. D. J. S. Crozier and members of the Committee in memory of Irishmen who died in the two world wars.—"China Mail" Photo. (Story on Page 3)

Replacing Of U.S. Marines

Shanghai, March 17. The 700th Marines will sail from Shanghai tomorrow aboard the USS Bayfield for Guam to be replaced with a similar number of the third Marines from Tsin-tao aboard the USS Chilton.

The Bayfield Marines have been stationed in Shanghai aboard the ship since December when there was considerable tension and much doubt about public order in Shanghai.

U. S. naval sources here said they had no information whether the Third Marines coming here would be replaced by newcomers from Guam or other Pacific bases.—United Press.

Communists, well-informed source said today according to United Press.

Neutral military observers said largely confirmed by Teng Wen-yi. They said four Lin Piao columns have been tentatively signed in the Hsichow region. This would place the total strength at the smaller figure of about 75,000.

Two of Lin Piao's columns were reported to be moving West, towards Kialing, indicating the possibility that the Manchurian forces may attempt a crossing in the Hawkin area, leaving the Shanghai-Nanking region to Chen Yi.

Everybody in Nanking is only guessing as to what the Communist time-table may be for a possible river crossing. If Red objectives cannot be obtained by negotiation, Government military men incline to believe that the Communists will cross, if at all, about the end of April.

Neutral observers also corroborated Teng Wei-yi's reports of other Communist preparations to cross the Yangtse, including that of the propaganda poster campaign.

Just A Ruse

While Government commanders watched Communist movements North of the Yangtse, they have begun throwing nervous glances to the rear areas. Central News dispatches from Kunming reported rebel activity on the increase in Yunnan.

Central News said fear was being expressed that an attack may be launched on Kunming, which is the provincial capital. Other despatches said telegraphic contact with the Southern part of the province has been lost.

No Let-Down

Dispatches from Changsha indicated no let-down in the spreading rebellion in Western Hunan. Rebel forces were said to be growing in strength with weapons taken from Government arsenals.

In other parts of South China, mainly Kwangtung and Hainan Island, about 70,000 discontented elements of various types have been continually active.

Only large-scale fighting now reported North of the Yangtse is in Shensi Province. Teng Wei-yi said Communist forces have captured a number of towns North of the Provincial capital of Sian.

The way the Communists have

will probably leave for the capital as soon as General Ho Ying-chin completes the formation of his new Cabinet.

The delegates will also discuss the problem of Chinese coastal shipping rights with the Nationalist Government following recent reports that the outgoing Premier, Dr. Sun Fo, had given approval for foreign vessels to fly between Chinese ports.

Meanwhile, the Communist Radio announced yesterday that the B. & S. steamer, Hanyang, arrived at Taku Bar on March 14 from Hong Kong and unloaded a large consignment of supplies, including chemicals, industrial raw materials, machinery and rubber tyres, totalling 550 tons.

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China's highly inflated Gold Yuan currency tumbled more than 20 per cent in value in terms of gold bullion and foreign currencies today, as the result of what financial operators described as worsening political and military situation.

Opening around GY7,700 to the all-time high of GY9,500, while gold spurted from GY388,000 per ounce to GY470,000.

The latest Gold Yuan nosedive occurred in the midst of a severe cash famine, caused by payroll requirements, which jumped more than 100 per cent, following the announcement of the March 15 cost of living index.

Local banks today limited cash withdrawals to between GY5,000 and GY10,000 per account—the price of a dinner.

The shortage of cash notes has given rise to new business, in which certain shops are accepting cheques for cash at a discount of between 10 and 15 per cent.

Commenting on the chaotic monetary situation here, one banker said that it seemed the printing press is failing to keep pace with the jet-propelled inflation.—Associated Press, United Press and Reuter.

More Than 100 Unions, Associations Register

By the end of last year, 97 labour unions and 17 employers' associations had registered under the Trade Unions and Trade Disputes Ordinance which came into operation on April 1 last, according to the 1948 annual report of the Hong Kong Government.

The report said that for a Colony, even with the population of Hong Kong the number of unions is exceedingly large. It is partly attributable to the excessive duplication of small unions jealous of their own interests.

There has, however, been a number of amalgamations and many of the unions are now working more closely together.

Industrial unions are making strong progress. In this field, promise of good organisation is more readily shown.

The report said that it will now be possible to go ahead with plans for trade union education, development of collective bargaining machinery, and construction of a sound, democratic and progressive union movement.

A series of trade union classes has already been held. On this experience, a new series is being drawn up in consultation with the Education department.

There is a long way to go before the unions can be regarded as in any way comparable to those in countries more advanced socially, but a start has been made, added the report.

Employers are also being asked to consider the advantages of collective bargaining machinery. It is hoped that during the current year progress can be made in this direction.

At the end of 1948, the registered labour unions included 21 with a membership of at least 1,000, and 88 with a smaller membership. The union with the largest membership—7,131—was the Hong Kong and Kowloon Restaurant and Cafe Workers General Union.

The Chinese Engineers Institute, a craft union, and one of the longest established here, was second with a membership of 6,200.

Total memberships of registered workers' unions is about 71,510. The figure is probably on the high side as there is a tendency among unions to exaggerate their membership, said the Government report.

There were 10 employer federations registered under the Trade Unions and Trade Disputes Ordinance at the end of 1948.

The Trade Unions and Trade Disputes Ordinance has given the labour unions and employers' associations a legal status.

THE WEATHER

Berkeley, March 17. The University of California recorded a moderately strong earthquake at 10:28 a.m. GMT an estimated 6,200 miles away, possibly in the South West Pacific area.

The quake lasted one hour.—Associated Press.

Pathe News

Yesterday's Weather—

Maximum 71.0 deg. F.

Minimum 54.0 deg. F.

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IRISH IN HK MARK ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Reminders

Today

Services Dance, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
HK Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. annual meeting of shareholders, Jardine's board room, 12 noon.
Shanghai Worsted Mill, Limited, annual general meeting, St. George's Building, 3:30 p.m.
JK Football Association Emergency Sub-Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m.
HK Government Senior Middle School, annual sports, Queen's College Playground, Causeway Bay, 1:30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
HK University annual sports, Pokfulam Pavilion, 1:30 p.m.
Queen's College Old Boys' Association Reunion Dinner, at Queen's College, 7:30 p.m.
HK Volunteers' Association, Cabaret Dance, Kowloon Cricket Club, 8 p.m.
Netherdale Hospital Grand Bazaar and Fete, official opening by Lady Grantham, 11 a.m.
SUNDAY
Tok H Club Classical Concert, Talbot House, 50 Macdonell Road T Run, 8:30 p.m.
HK Art Club, sketching class, members to meet at the Kowloon Star Ferry, 10:30 a.m.

Charged With Having Forged Certificates

Ng May was yesterday charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almaida at Central with the possession of a forged inoculation and vaccination certificate on March 15.

Mui Wai-keo was charged with aiding and abetting Ng May.

Inspectors Mackay prosecuted and the two defendants were represented by Mr. M.A. de Silva. According to the prosecution, when the ss *Thistlegorm* arrived in the Colony the Port Health Officer, Dr. Koo, went on board and examined the passengers' vaccination certificates.

Inspecting Ng May's certificate, Dr. Koo found that it bore a forged signature. Ng was taken to the police station and second defendant was arrested later.

Inspector Wong gave evidence of inquiries made by him. He said that he found the certificates to be false. Cross examined by Mr. Silva, Wong said that anyone can get the form by paying 30 cents.

Questioned as to the chop which was in the form, Wong said that it was not the genuine one.

Mr. Silva said that not only is he defending his clients but that he had a civic duty to perform.

He asked the magistrate to adjourn the case in order to find out whether the chop was a genuine one or not.

The case was adjourned to 10 a.m. today.

Women Workers In The Colony

There was an average of more than 23,000 women in semi-regular employment in the 1,610 factories and workshops registered during last year, states the 1948 annual report of the Hong Kong Government.

The number does not include fairly large numbers of women employed as unskilled manual workers in the building trade, earth carriers, and stone breakers. Women workers engaged by contractors are on a purely casual basis and, as numbers and personnel fluctuate continually, returns are extremely difficult to obtain, said the report.

One-third of the women engaged in industry work in the textile trade.

Previously textile trade was confined to weaving and knitting of place goods. In 1948, several cotton spinning mills were set up and more are in process of construction. As these are large factories with much of the labour confined to women, the total number of women employed in the textile trade is likely to increase.

During the year, 1,101 factories and workshops were registered. Some 225 closed down during the year, including 12 small rubber factories.

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Sprigs of Shamrock were distributed last night at St. Patrick's Ball—one of the functions organised by the St. Patrick's Society of Hong Kong to commemorate Ireland's Patron Saint. Earlier in the day, a short, simple but impressive ceremony was held at the Cenotaph where the President of the Society, Mr. D. J. S. Crozier, accompanied by members of the Committee, laid a wreath in memory of Irishmen who died in the two world wars.

The Cross of St. Patrick was flown from the Cenotaph flagstaff. The Society's wreath was a green laurel bough with golden strings and a bunch of red poppies at the top corner.

Among those present at the Cenotaph were the Vice-President, Surgeon-Captain T.N. D'Arcy RN, and Mr. F.G. Maundt, Committee members Messrs. J.F. Feely OBE, J.B. Griffin KC, W.L. Barr Sparrow, C.E. Terry, R.E. Farrell, J.C.M. Grahame, P. Sheehan, J.B.P. Byrne, the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. F. Shanks, and the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Denis G. Sherriff.

The dinner-and-dance last night was preceded by cocktails during which guests and hosts intermingled.

The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, was met at the door of the Hong Kong Hotel by the President of the Society, and Mrs. D.J.S. Crozier, and Surgeon-Captain T.N. D'Arcy (Vice-President), and Mrs. D'Arcy, and Mr. F.G. Maundt (Vice-President) and Mrs. Maundt, and was "piped" by pipers of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (provided by the kindness of Lieutenant-Colonel D.M. Shaw, MC, DSO,) to the foyer of the "Grippi" Lounge, where the "King" was played by the orchestra.

This was followed by the distribution of Shamrock, specially flown out from Watsons and Company Limited of Dublin by BOAC for the occasion. Members of the official party received their sprigs out of an old Irish Silver bowl from the pipers. Shamrock for other guests and hosts was placed on all tables.

The President of the Society, Mr. D.J.S. Crozier presided at Dinner. At the official table were the Governor, Mrs. D.J.S. Crozier, The Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, KC, and Lady Gibson, Major General F.R.G. Matthews, CB, DSO, Mrs. Muddon, Air Commodore, A.D. Davies CBE, and Mrs. Davies, Miss A. Davies, The Chieftain of Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society, and Mrs. Anderson, Miss Anderson, The President of the Society of St. George, HK, and Mrs. Mitchell, Miss J. Mitchell. The President of St. David's Society of Hong Kong, Mr. J. R. Jones, Captain A.F.P. Wilson (ADC to The Governor), Captain Fraser Harris (ADC to Major General Matthews), Lieutenant P.A. Poynter (Flag Lieutenant to Vice Admiral Madden), Flying Officer Harker (PA to Air Commodore Davison), Miss Maureen Carew, Mr. J.C.M. Grahame, Mr. F. Shanks (Treasurer) and Mr. Denis C. Sherriff (Secretary).

In accordance with the traditional custom of the Society, the President refrained from making a speech. Only the toast of "The King" and the memory of St. Patrick was proposed.

Irish Atmosphere

During dinner selections of Irish choral music were played which together with the decorations created Irish atmosphere.

The "Grippi" was decorated specially for the occasion. The pillars on the ground floor of the hotel were draped in green and on each was a golden Shamrock. At the head of the stairs to the "Grippi" was a shield with the Arms of the four Provinces of Ireland (Leinster, Ulster, Connaught and Munster) under which was displayed the ancient Irish Welcome of "Cead Mile Faithé" (a hundred thousand welcomes).

The entrance to the foyer was through an Arch over which was displayed the Old Flag of Ireland—a Golden Harp in green background and the words "Erin Go Bragh" (Ireland for Ever).

Behind the President's seat at the official table were the Arms of his home town, Enniskillen, which was backed with the Union Jack and Cross of St. Patrick.

Behind the band was a large green floodlit Shamrock on a golden curtain, and at the opposite end of the ballroom were the Arms of the four Provinces backed with St. Patrick's Cross, Erin flag and the Old Flag of Ireland.

The pillars of the ballroom were draped in green and in each was a coat of arms of an

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The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, shown at the St. Patrick's Day Ball last night.—"China Mail" Photo.

Guests Present

There were more than 800 members and guests. Members of the Society present included Dr. J.P. Feely OBE, Mr. D.J. Griffin KC, Surgeon-Captain T.N. D'Arcy RN, Mr. Justice E.H. Williams, Messrs. F.J. Maundt, C.E. Terry, R.E. Farrel, W. La Barre Sparrow, F.C. Barry, M.J. Turner, P. Sheehan, J.B.P. Byrne, D.H. Blake, S.E.P. Lewis, G.D.S. Agnew, M.P. Keyes, H. Woulfe Flanagan, Mrs. E.M. Wilson, Miss E. McElroy, Mrs. D. McColl, J. Holmes, D. Grahame, E.R. Clemon, J.S. Joyce, J.F. Lumny, T. Cashman, D.R. Brand, M.G. Ryan, G.P. Murphy, G. Grilly, P. Pike, J. Hempsell, P.J. O'Neill, J. O'Donovan, C.M.W. Crozier, P.M. McDonnell, W.J. Megill, J.F. Galvin, E.W. McCarthy, McCabe, R.N. K.G. Stewart, W. O'Neill, G.W. Cussans, D. Hynes, D.T. Nolan, P.F. MacCade, R.N. Oliver, B. Moore, Mrs. A.F. Witsell, Mrs. Coldearea, Miss Henderson, Mrs. C.J.B. Pasco, Mrs. E. Walker, Mrs. M.E. Joffe, Mrs. J.M. Stokoe, Mrs. Haase, Mrs. Tyrrell, Captain Morganhan, Captain Alton Negal, Lieutenant-Colonel E.M. Hennessy, Captain Lark, Major V. Keating and Lieutenant Commander J.B. St. L. Tyrrell.

CABARET DANCE AT KCC

A petition has been sent to the authority concerned.

A re-union of members of the Volunteer Association and their women friends will be held at the Kowloon Cricket Club tomorrow night.

Dancing will commence at 9 p.m. to the strains of the popular Embassy Sixties. During the evening the company will be entertained by the Misses Estelle D'Almaida and Angie Sousa, Gerald Almada and Frankie Vas, with Eddie Remedios at the piano.

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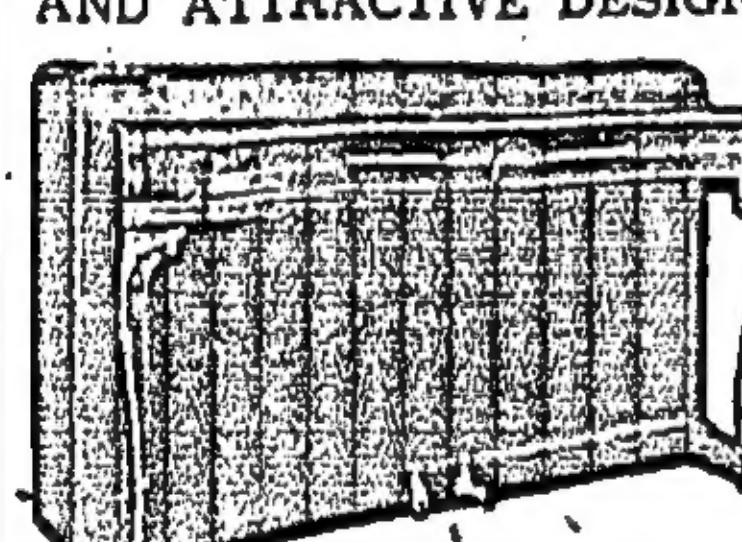
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Ordinary Yearly General
Meeting of the Company
will be held at the Offices of
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and
Company, Limited, Hongkong,
on Tuesday, 22nd day of March,
1949, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the ordinary
business of the Company.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY
ALSO GIVEN that the Register
of Members of the Company
will be closed from the
8th to the 22nd day of March,
1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 22, 1949.

THE HONG KONG FIRE
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventy-sixth Ordinary
Yearly Meeting of Share-
holders will be held at the
offices of the Undersigned on
Friday, the 18th March, 1949,
at Noon, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the
General Managers together with
a Statement of Accounts for the
year ended 31st December,
1948.

The Share Register and
Transfer Books will be closed
from the 4th March to the 18th
March, 1949, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON &
CO., LTD.

General Managers.
The Hong Kong Fire
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Hong Kong, Feb. 25, 1949.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE
A SHIP'S NAME

We, HONG KONG TRAN-
SPORTATION COMPANY,
LIMITED, Marina House,
Hong Kong, hereby give notice
that in consequence of Main-
taining company nomenclature
we have applied to the Minis-
ter of Transport, under Sec-
tion 47 of the Merchant Ship-
ping Act, 1894, in respect of
the Motor Tug "FLOUNDER"
of Philippine Registry, Gross
tonnage 94.13 tons, Registered
tonnage 25.68 tons, heretofore
owned by the Foreign Liquidation
Commission and also by
Luzon Stevedoring Company
Inc. of Manila for permission
to change her name to HKT
"FLOUNDER" and to have her
registered in the new name
at the Port of HONG KONG
owned by the Hong Kong
Transportation Company,
Limited, Marina House, Hong
Kong.

Any objection to the pro-
posed change of name must
be sent to the REGISTRAR OF
SHIPPING at HONG KONG
within SEVEN days from the
appearance of this advertise-
ment.

Dated at Hong Kong, the
7th day of March, 1949.

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for members and lady friends

At Kowloon Cricket Club

Saturday, March 19th, from

9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Subscription \$5 per person

Including light refreshments.

Dress: Informal.

NATURALIZATION

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that
MICHAEL BASIL ANTONOFF
of Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, is
applying to the Governor for
naturalization, and that any person
who knows any reason why naturalization should not
be granted should send a
written and signed statement of
the facts to the Colonial
Secretary, Hong Kong.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the ordinary yearly general
meeting of shareholders of the company will be held at the
Head Office of the company, 6, Des Voeux Road, Central,
Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 23rd March, 1949 at 8.00 p.m.
for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the
Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account
and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1948
and for the appointment of Directors and Auditors and de-
claration of dividends.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed
from the 16th day of March to 23rd March, 1949 (both days
inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be
registered.

By Order of the Board,

D. S. YUAN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, March 9, 1949.

HONG KONG OXFORD
AND CAMBRIDGE
SOCIETY

The Annual Dinner of the
above Society is to be held in
the Hong Kong Club at 7.45
p.m. on Saturday, 26th March,
1949.

The officers of the Society
are:

His Excellency Sir Alexander
Grantham, K.C.M.G.—
President.

G. T. Rowe, Esq. (Oxon)
R. H. Hughes, Esq. (Cantab)

Hon. Secretaries.

H. S. Mok, Esq.—
Hon. Treasurer.

Membership is open to men
whose names have been at any
time on the roll of any college
at either University.

Will those wishing to attend
the dinner please send their
names to either of the Secretaries
at the Colonial Secretariat
Building, Lower Albert
Road, as soon as possible before
22nd March, 1949.

Further details and tickets
will be sent to individuals.

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER of the
Companies (Reconstruction
of Records) Ordinance,
1947,

and

IN THE MATTER of The
Bible Book & Tract Depot
Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that
the abovementioned company has
lost its Memorandum of Associa-
tion and that it is proposed to
adopt a new Memorandum of
Association.

A copy of the proposed new
Memorandum of Association
may be inspected at the office
of the Company at Rooms Nos.
104 & 105 Queen's Building, 1st
floor, Ice House Street, Victoria,
in the Colony of Hong Kong or
at the office of Messrs. C. Y.
Kwan & Co. of No. 4A Des
Voeux Road Central, Victoria
aforesaid, the solicitors for the
company, at any time during
office hours.

Any person who objects to
such proposed new Memorandum
of Association should state
briefly in writing the nature of
the objections to such proposed
new Memorandum of Association
and should file the same with
the Registrar of Companies, Supreme
Court, Hong Kong, with the address for ser-
vice within the Colony of the person
objecting thereto—not later than the 25th day of April,
1949.

Dated the 11th day of March,
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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Fourth Race Meeting,

Saturday, 26th March, 1949

There are ten races, the First Bell will be rung at 1.30
p.m. The first race will be run at 2.00 p.m. and the last race
at 6.00 p.m.

Through Numbers (10 Races—\$20) may be obtained at the
Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also
tickets for the special Cash Sweep on the last race as well as
those for the "Lantao Handicap" to be run at the 6th Race
Meeting on 21st May 1949. Tickets in the Special Cash Sweep
on the last race and those for the "Lantao Handicap" may be
purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan
Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their
ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED
throughout the Meeting.

Mother's Well Kept Secret

Another "mother" story comes to the King's Theatre this week with RKO Radio's "I Remember Mama."

A Norwegian mama this time, Irene Dunne negotiates this crisis, chiefly financial and emotional, of a widely scattered family and sundry relatives who don't seem very clever at managing their own affairs.

With her usual happy blend of plausibility, humour and scheming, mama steers them all through a host of problems which might well have daunted a lesser woman.

Co-starring with mama are Barbara Bel Geddes, Oscar Homolka and Philip Dorn, with Sir Cedric Hardwicke as the concealed ex-actor boarding with the family, who imparts literary culture and departs leaving a dud cheque behind him...and other crisis!

Not until the end does mama reveal that all the time she had a guilty secret of her own.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 0.62 megacycles per second in the 51 metre band.

H.K.T.

12.15 p.m.—Catholic Bazaar by Rev. Father J. W. Gallagher, R.J.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.35 p.m.—"From the Films."

1.00 p.m.—"Account on 'Rhythm' (BBCTS).

1.15 p.m.—"News, Weather Report and International News."

1.25 p.m.—"Music for You."

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—Children's Half Hour! The Story of Music in England during the last Four Hundred Years.

Written by Dr. Kirby, (Studio)

6.15 p.m.—Concert by the Pupils of the Diocesan Boys School, (Studio)

6.30 p.m.—Cantatas by Radio Glen

by Miss Lee Wal East and R. K. Lee (Studio)

6.50 p.m.—Harry Parry and His Band.

7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis, (London Relay)

7.15 p.m.—Sports Review, (Studio)

7.30 p.m.—"My Name for You" Sung by Maurice Keay, (BBCTS)

7.45 p.m.—Harmless Von Geczy and His Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials," (London Relay)

8.10 p.m.—"The Good Companions" by J. B. Priestley, Adapted for Broadcast by James Greenough, (BBCTS)

8.30 p.m.—"Interlude."

8.45 p.m.—"The Detective in Fiction" Read by Clifford Davison, (Studio)

9.35 p.m.—A Short Programme of the Music of Grieg.

10.00 p.m.—Radio News Read, (London Relay)

10.15 p.m.—"This is New Zealand" Story of a Dominion by D. G. Irwin, with music specially composed by Douglas Lilburn, (London Relay)

11.02 p.m.—Victor Silvester Strings.

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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CINEMA WORLD

NEW BRITISH PICTURE HAS GERMAN BACKDROP

Third in a series of films made in Germany by Graham Wallace of Britain's Crown Film Unit, working with a band of German film technicians, is entitled "Trained to Serve."

The other two films were "K.R.O. Germany 1947", a picture of the daily life of an average Kreis Resident Officer, the Control Commission Officer in charge of a German Kreis, or district, and "School in Cologne", which presented a picture of the problems which have to be faced by the Education Officers of the Control Commission for Germany in their task of getting the children in Germany back to school.

"Trained To Serve" deals with another set of problems—the re-organisation and rehabilitation of the German police force in the British Zone.

The film opens with a scene of a busy city in Germany before the war. In those days of peace the German policeman seemed just like any other, but with the coming of the Nazi regime we see how these same men were used to smash any opposition to Nazism.

Unlimited power was given to the police and their chief, Himmler. The Gestapo could arrest people as they pleased, without warrant or reason. The goals were filled with people who were held for weeks and months without trial, and without knowing why they were imprisoned. They were just "Enemies of the State."

The film portrays the terrorism of a people who learned to fear of the power of their police, who watched over every moment of their lives.

"Trained To Serve" brings to the audience the forceful realisation of the chaos which resulted from the war. There was an urgent need for law and order, but the Nazi Police Force was destroyed for ever.

'Whispering Smith' Coming

Coming shortly to the Queen's Theatre is the new Alan Ladd film, "Whispering Smith." Ladd fans will see him making a double debut, his first Western and his first appearance in Technicolor.

Ladd goes West with a vengeance, and back about 50 years to the 1890's, when men were he-men, girls like the rocks of the mountain frontier, and guns were both bigger and louder.

Once out West, Ladd loses no time getting to work on the train robber gang. Like all he-men, he is a sucker for a lady in distress...even if she happens to be his old flame...but we are left guessing as to what he is going to do about her (Brenda Marshall this time) in the end.

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In the picture, Ceil Parker, recently seen as the bewildered Colonel in "Quartet"—will play Prohacek, with Hermione Baddeley as his wife, Glynis Johns as Mim, his secretary, Dirk Bogarde and Sheila Sim as his son and daughter, and Heather Thatcher as Lady Maslam, and many other subjects.

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"Mr. Prohacek" By Arnold Bennett Is Being Filmed

H. G. Wells has for long been a favourite author with the film producers.

Cinemagoers will remember two excellent London Film Productions in the mid-thirties—"The Man Who Could Work Miracles" and "Things to Come". Later, Carol Reed made an excellent film of "Kipps".

In 1948, "The Passionate Friends" and "The History of Mr.

Son's Honour Theme In New Picture

Anatole de Grunwald's production of Terence Rattigan's well known play "The Winslow Boy" coming to the Lee Theatre, brings to the screen the story of one of the greatest legal fights of the century, a trial which aroused world-wide interest.

The Winslow family, portrayed by a distinguished group of British artists including Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Mario Lohr, and Margaret Leighton, is revealed against the background of well-to-do middle class comfort amid pleasant surroundings.

Tragedy breaks up this happy atmosphere when Ronnie, the younger son, is expelled from the Royal Naval College at Osborne after having been accused of stealing a five-shilling postal order from a fellow cadet. This part is played by Nell North, a 15 year old newcomer to the screen who makes a very creditable debut.

The whole story from then on concerns the father's fight for his son's honour, a fight which costs him both health and fortune.

Robert Donat, who makes his long-awaited return to the screen in this picture, takes the role of Sir Robert Morton, K.C., who takes up the challenge on the boy's behalf. He contributes an impressive performance presiding over the court scenes and makes a brilliant speech in the House of Commons...and at the same time manages, after a bad start, to win the affections of the Winslow's daughter Catherine (Margaret Leighton).

Eleanor Parker plays the dual role, with Alexis Smith co-starring as Cousin Marian, while Gig Young plays the young artist who comes to teach and stay to love.

As Count Fosco, the sinister critic, Sydney Greenstreet has one of his best "villain" roles.

Told in the sombre mood of the 1850's, there is no lack of suspense, but plenty of fleeting figures, hidden passages and poison daggers around the grounds of Limmeridge House to keep you in suspense.

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ENGAGEMENT

Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Walker of "Fid Hill", 359, The Peak, Hongkong, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Veronica Joyce, to Mr. Douglas Roland Bland, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Bland of "Firley", Fulwood, Derbyshire, England. Shanghai, Singapore and Sydney papers please copy.

WAR SCARES

Yesterday's reports from Europe that war talk has increased to fever pitch can be taken with calm. The conflagration is unlikely to break out over the week-end, and we can probably go to our golf and tennis with untroubled minds.

Of course, our friends and relatives in the West have more than usual to worry about. Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg have been driven into setting up a master defence plan that calls for all of them to rearm rapidly, and asks the United States to provide additional weapons.

At the same time in London, the Minister of State, Mr. Hector McNeil, claimed that Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary were violating the peace treaties, with Russian acquiescence, by building large armies and suppressing freedom. And as Iran, Turkey and Greece continued to defy Russia, the power-mad little autarchs in the Kremlin were shrieking for cold war purposes that they not only had the atom bomb, but had gone on to develop more potent devices, which would bring equality to man faster than anything they had had thought of before.

And of course dubious reports from behind the iron curtain kept oozing out regarding Comintern mobilisation against Yugoslavia.

Meanwhile in Britain, which persons of ordinary intelligence believe will be left as a radioactive desert soon after the start of the next war, defence chiefs successfully petitioned for greater expenditure against a foe, and new bombers are planned. America, naturally, has the biggest somethings in the world, including mammoth planes with the speed of light which are untouchable by ordinary fighters, but which fly so high they might conceivably have trouble with flak from the Martians.

Certainly, the news has not been encouraging, but in spite of what the pessimists say, we cannot see the great powers blundering into war by chance. Attitudes in recent years do not bear out the claims that world war may start through some frontier incident or diplomatic fracas. Even the top dogs nowadays merely protest about developments which in Victoria's day would have sent a warship or an expeditionary force post haste to rectify the matter.

No one is ready for war, although Moscow is increasingly of the belief that the time draws near when the final Armageddon predicted by Marx, Lenin and Engels will be ready to join, and the decadent democracies dealt blows from which they will never recover, while the dictatorship of the promoted shop steward will be permanently triumphant.

Similarly, the small but powerful caucus in America which is known for a "show-down" with Russia is pulling out all the stops to prepare for war.

Neither side, however, anticipates the new D (for destruction) Day for some years yet. Vast areas of the USSR are still lying in blackened ruins, and the Communists will require years to rebuild off moments of relaxation.

be informed of our intentions. But General de Gaulle had to carry his gallant band of Frenchmen with him. Many got to know Dakar became common talk among the French troops. At a dinner in a Liverpool restaurant French officers toasted "Dakar!" Our sailors land-craft had to travel or trolley across England from near Portsmouth to Liverpool, and their escort wore tropical kit.

Then there were delays. We had hoped to strike on September 8, but now it appeared that the main force must first go to Freetown to refuel and make their final noise. The plan was based upon the French troops reaching Dakar in 16 days at 32 knots. It was found, however, that the ships carrying the mechanical transports could only make eight to nine knots, and this discovery was reflected only at a stage of loading when the time lost in reloading into faster ships offered no gain. In all ten days' delay from the original date became inevitable due to the miscalculation of the speed of the ships, three days for unforeseen loading troubles, two days for the retarding at Freetown. We must now wait until September 18.

I presided over a meeting of the Chiefs of Staff and General de Gaulle on August 20 at 10.30 a.m., and am on record as summing-up the plan as follows:

The Anglo-French Armada would arrive at Dakar at dawn. Aircraft would drop streamers and leaflets over the town, the British squadron would remain broader. Tropical kit was a clue no more definite than the Continent of Africa. The wife of a Frenchman in Liverpool, who was surprised.

On the 22nd we met again, and a letter was read from the Foreign Secretary to me disclosing a leakage of information. Exactly what this leakage amounted to no one could tell. The advantage of sea power used offensively is that when a fleet sails no one can be sure where it is going to strike.

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CRISIS DEVELOPING ANEW IN PALESTINE

Jews Allege Violation OF Truce By Arabs ISRAEL MOVING TROOPS

A crisis, with possible military implications, is developing on the Central Palestine front. Israeli Foreign Office sources said they have information that Arab Legion forces are taking over front line positions in the Iraqi-held "triangle."

EUROPE GETS WAR JITTERS

London, March 15. Europe got a bad case of war jitters today. There is a feeling here and across the continent that a diplomatic crisis with Russia is in the making.

The Western nations rushed defence plans so they would have some cards in their hand, and when they have to sit down at the table with men from the Kremlin for a showdown.

No responsible statesman is predicting that armadas will be on the march in the immediate future but there is an air of grimness in official statements and actions.

The developments were:

1. The five Western Union countries, Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg, set up a master defence plan that calls for all of them to rearm as fast as possible and ask the United States to provide additional weapons.

Harold MacMillan, Conservative Member of Parliament, told the House of Commons that the hour of decision might come in July. He said if the world may be that deadline there may be peace for six or seven years.

2. Iran snapped back at the Russians with the statement the Soviet-Iranian treaty of 1921 should be scrapped and the declaration that Iran should cast its lot with the West by making a military alliance with the United States.

3. Russia said that she has already developed the atomic bomb and gone on to bigger things.

4. The Italian press carried reports that mysterious planes are parachuting what seems to be war material in Northern Italy.—United Press.

HORNER WANTS TO VISIT U.S.

London, March 16. Mr. Arthur Horner, Communist Secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, who hopes to attend the International Labour Conference at Pittsburgh next month, is expected to apply to the United States Embassy here soon for permission to enter the United States.

A decision will rest with the United States Justice Department. Although the American Government will not normally allow Communists to enter the country, there have been exceptions.

Dr. Hewlett Johnson, the "Red" Dean of Canterbury, visited the United States recently.—Reuter.

According to these sources, this is a violation of principle of the Palestine truce as Transjordan is deriving gains at the time when her forces should be at a standstill.

A spokesman said Israel has protested to Dr. Ralph Bunche, the Acting Mediator, against the taking over of the Iraqi-held triangle in Central Palestine by Transjordanian forces.

The spokesman said the protest is based on the contention that it is a truce violation for one sovereign State to take over from another. It is understood here that Lieutenant-Colonel Abdullah El Tel, Arab commander in Jerusalem, has officially informed the Israelis of the handing-over of the triangle.

An Israeli spokesman said here tonight that if Arab cattle raids into Israeli territory continue on the Central Palestine front, Israel will be forced to take action.

The spokesman would not confirm or deny reports that Israeli troops are moving towards the Central front. He recalled that protests had been made several weeks ago to the United Nations about the "intolerable" situation on the central front, where there is a neck of Arab-held territory only 12 miles from the Mediterranean.

According to reliable sources in Tel Aviv, Israel told Dr. Bunche that it would be unable to recognize any legal consequences which might follow such a truce violation.

Position Delicate

Reports today said 30 head of cattle were "rustled" in a foray last night by Arabs whose tracks led into the Arab triangle.

Officials of the United Nations here are aware of the delicacy of the position. One official said: "All possible steps are being taken to avert a clash."

Among these precautions, he said, are observer teams who are making closer check on military movements. A strict censorship is being maintained on the subject.

In Rhodes meanwhile, the Israeli and Transjordan delegations tonight confirmed the existing armistice lines in Jerusalem, agreed on by the local commanders in last November.

Real Test

An Israeli spokesman said that the decision to confirm these lines indicates that the two delegations have rejected, at least temporarily, the plan proposed by Dr. Bunche at last night's session.

The agreement on the Jerusalem positions is halfed in Rhodes as considerable progress; but observers remark that no disputed point has been tackled. They think the real test will come when one or the other side has to give way to achieve a settlement.

Dr. Bunche is understood to have drawn up the agreement incorporating the entire front lines from Budrus, East of Lydda, right down to Akaba, in the South (where the British force was recently reinforced after Israeli troop movements).

THE AUTOMATIC BANDSPREAD

SWEDEN'S PROBABLE WAR ROLE

Stockholm, March 16. The Swedish Commander-in-Chief, General Helge Victor Jung, said tonight that Sweden could fight alone a delaying defensive action for a considerable period, but would be dependent on foreign help in the event of war.

There is no reason to consider foreign help impossible, he said in a speech in Kristianstad. He considers Sweden's defence a vital factor in preventing the occupation of Scandinavia, before Denmark and Norway are armed.

The General said that all ideas that an attack on Sweden must lead to quick occupation are fundamentally wrong. In a struggle against superior force, Sweden's defence would be favoured by the country's topography, its great area and its large inaccessible regions.

General Jung said it had been asked whether Sweden could expect help from the Western powers after the latest political developments.

He thought the fact that Denmark and Norway are being allowed to join the Atlantic Pact showed that the Western powers attach considerable importance to Scandinavia in the event of war.—Reuter.

FRENCH CONVOY ATTACKED

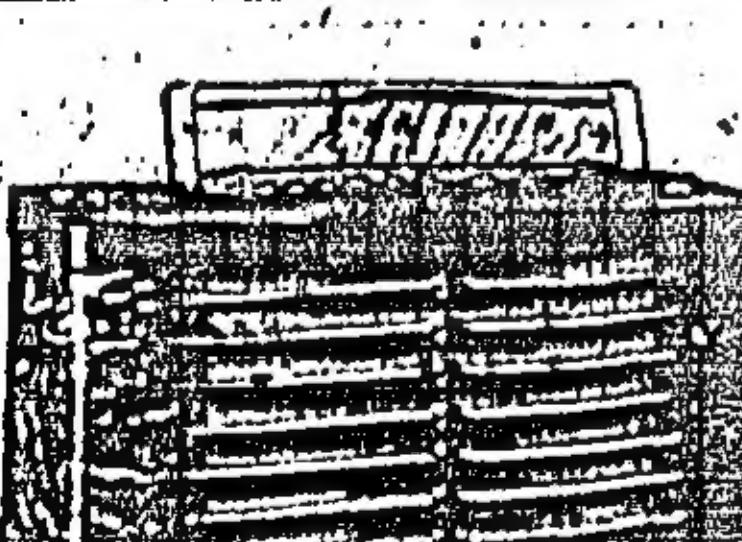
Saigon, March 16. Indochnese Nationalists attacked a French army convoy North of Tonkin and 22 persons were injured and nine trucks destroyed. It was announced today.

The French announcement said that most of the casualties were Indochnese.—Associated Press.

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CHANGES IN RN COURTS MARTIAL

London, March 16. Commonwealth Governments are to be consulted about proposed changes in the court-martial system of the Royal Navy, Viscount Hall, First Lord of the Admiralty, stated today.

He was explaining to the House of Lords why it is necessary to appoint a Commission to inquire into the subject when another commission has already recommended changes for the Army and Royal Air Force.

Discipline in the Navy, he said, differs from that in the other services. Before changes can be made there must also be consultations with Commonwealth Governments, who had adopted British Naval discipline, he said.—Reuter.

The Israelis are too often referring back to Tel Aviv, but their relay system is very fast.

The Israeli suggestion is stated to have been prompted by a Transjordan request for time to refer back to Amman a definition of demarcation lines—the subject of this morning's session.

It is understood that Dr. Bunche agreed to draw up a North-South line for submission to

Bources close to United Nations officials in Amman said today that the British reinforcements sent to the Transjordan port of Akaba reached brigade strength yesterday.

Dr. Bunche has been informed of this by special messenger.

Informants in Amman said that the Israeli-Transjordan armistice talks in Rhodes are not expected to end before March 21, the date set for the Arab States to meet the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission in Belrus.—Reuter.

Assurance Given

Denmark is understood to have been assured also that the Alliance will not involve a commitment to provide bases in peace-time.

The Italian Government has already reached unanimity on a decision to join the Alliance.

Iceland's Foreign Minister, M. Bjarni Benediktsson, who has been discussing the proposal that the island join the pact, is expected to leave Washington in a few days' time.

Iceland has no army, navy or air force and no constitutional provision for declaring war. She has a strong tradition of neutrality.

Iceland showed itself very sensitive about the withdrawal of United States and British troops at the end of the war. On the other hand, its airports are now vital in any North Atlantic security system, and it is just as important for the North Atlantic powers to avert their potential use by any new aggressor as it was for the British to avert their potential use by the Germans in 1940.—Reuter.

MISSING SHIP

London, March 16. The Committee of Lloyds passed a resolution today posting as missing the Danish steamer Anna Rita, 405 tons last heard of on January 7 when she sailed for Stockholm, with a cargo of rice.—Reuter.

PORTUGAL TO BE CHARTER MEMBER OF DEFENCE PACT

Washington, March 16. European diplomats here are confident that Portugal, Denmark, Italy and Iceland will join the North Atlantic Pact in time to become charter members.

The formal founding signature of the treaty will take place here in the first week of April.

The United States has replied to inquiries from the Portuguese Government about the position of Portuguese bases in relation to the proposed pact and is believed to have assured Portugal that the pact will carry no commitments for them to grant bases to provide transit facilities involved in the occupation of Germany and Japan.

The Portuguese anxiety is believed to have stemmed from the fear that other North Atlantic powers, such as France, might require the use of bases in peace time. It is expected that the United States' reply will satisfy Portugal on this issue.

It is not expected here that under present conditions the North Atlantic powers will agree to the admission of Spain to the Alliance, and it is not thought that Portugal will press her regret, made known yesterday, at the exclusion of Spain from the pact.

The Danish Foreign Minister, Dr. Gustav Rasmussen, made it clear before he left Washington yesterday that he will recommend the pact to the Danish Parliament.

"We firmly believe that peace and security could be ensured in Europe by regional pacts within the framework of the United Nations Charter," Mr. Sadak added.—Reuter.

TURKEY'S STAND ON SECURITY

Ankara, March 16.

The Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr. Necmeddin Sadak, told the National Assembly today that Turkey is continuing her talks and contacts in Britain and the United States.

She is trying to find out what measures can be adopted with a view to safeguarding peace and security in the area to which Turkey belongs, he said.

He said that Mr. Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, with whom he exchanged views in London last month on a possible Mediterranean regional pact, had confirmed to him that the Anglo-Turkish Alliance is an essential element of British policy.

Referring to the Atlantic Pact, Mr. Sadak said there is no question of Turkey's joining it as she does not border on the Atlantic, but she welcomed any treaty contributing to peace and security.

"We firmly believe that peace and security could be ensured in Europe by regional pacts within the framework of the United Nations Charter," Mr. Sadak added.—Reuter.

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MEMORANDUM ON THE 1949-50 BUDGET

Twelve Millions On Rolling Stock

The sum of \$12,000,000 has been earmarked out of Loan expenditure for new rolling-stock for the Kowloon-Canton Railway, the Financial Secretary, Mr. C. G. S. Follows, reveals in a Memorandum on the Colony's Budget.

The Memorandum also reveals that an additional sum of \$5,500,000 has been set aside for the new cost of living allowances which were introduced on January 1, 1949.

Extracts from the Financial Secretary's Memorandum:—

Head 1. His Excellency The Governor

Estimate 1949-50	.... \$231,297
Revised Estimate	..... 200,000
Approved Estimate	.... 218,079
Actual Expenditure	.... 240,574

The post of Cuatodian, the occupant of which has been succeeded to duty as a supernumerary Bailiff in the Supreme Court, has been abolished. One post of No. 1 Boy has also been abolished and replaced by a House Coole. The opportunity has been taken to show in detail the posts occupied by the household staff of Government House. The result of all these changes is a small increase in personal emoluments of \$4,918.

Recurrent expenditure during 1948-49 was found to be under-estimated in some cases and increases in Incidental Expenses, Publications, and Upkeep of Vehicles have been made. The rehabilitation of Fanling Lodge was completed during the year and an additional \$3,000 is provided for under Fuel, Light and Power for this additional building. The total increase on Other Charges amounts to \$7,400. The net increase of expenditure on the head is \$12,318.

Head 2. Agriculture Department

Estimate 1949-50	.... \$730,228
Revised Estimate	..... 270,000
Approved Estimate	.... 440,085
Actual Expenditure	.... 196,720

The large increase in Other Charges of \$111,500 is largely explained by the provision of \$50,000 to cover labour charges in respect of an expanded programme of farm and animal husbandry work and of \$32,500 for the prevention and control of livestock diseases. The increased attention to animal husbandry is also reflected in the increase of \$10,000 for livestock, feeds, and equipment, and of two new items under Special Expenditure, namely Experimental and Breeding Station \$143,000 and Control of Stock Diseases \$55,000. In all expenditure totalling approximately \$300,000 is provided for an extensive programme designed to improve livestock in the Colony. This programme almost

exclusively accounts for the increase of expenditure under this head of \$204,143.

Head 3. Audit Department

Estimate 1949-50	.... \$243,807
Revised Estimate	..... 200,000
Approved Estimate	.... 203,401
Actual Expenditure	.... 1947-48 170,078

Consequent on the retirement of the former Director of Audit and a member of the pre-war Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff, together with some minor economies in recurrent expenditure, the provision for this head has been reduced by \$10,504.

Head 4. Civil Aviation

Estimate 1949-50	.... \$834,430
Revised Estimate	..... 600,000
Approved Estimate	.... 702,168
Actual Expenditure	.... 1947-48 254,500

Apart from the transfer of posts previously shown under temporary staff to the non-permanent establishment, the only increases in staff are additional firemen, motor drivers, coxswains, engineers and seamen required to man safety equipment which must be provided for the Airport in accordance with international conventions. A large increase of \$59,000 is necessary for overtime which, together with revisions on the salary scale, account for an extra sum of \$120,461 for personal emoluments.

Under temporary staff, provision is made for a new post of Aeronautical Engineer who is required to deal with certification of air-worthiness of aircraft engines and frames, as a result of the establishment in Hong Kong of a number of aircraft maintenance companies.

The expanding activities of the Airport have resulted in certain increases amounting to \$11,500 under Other Charges. Of this amount, \$6,000 is required for fuel, light and power in anticipation of a start being made in night flying at Kai Tak.

Under Special Expenditure, the sum of \$70,800 is provided to purchase new crash tenders and water tanks required by international conventions in order to bring the Airport up to specification in respect of safety precautions.

The net effect of these changes is to increase expenditure on the Head by \$72,201.

Head 5. Colonial Secretariat And Legislature

Estimate 1949-50	.... \$1,084,628
Revised Estimate	..... 900,000
Approved Estimate	.... 880,169
Actual Expenditure	.... 1947-48 691,378

A large increase of \$211,859 for personal emoluments is partly accounted for by the transfer of Cadet Officers on leave to the Colonial Secretariat and the provision for four unpassed Cadet Officers studying Cantonese. In addition, as a result of the abolition of the Development Secretariat, the Secretary for Developments is provided for under this Head. A Special Adviser engaged on contract during 1948-49 to deal with matters connected with the establishment of the proposed Municipal Council has also been provided for under temporary staff. Provision too is made for a six months' visit by an Efficiency Expert and for the clerical staff which he may require. Certain increases in staff are also necessary for the Exchange Control Office as a result of its transfer during 1948 from the Colonial Secretariat to re-located premises. These were authorised during the year by Special Warrant.

Total expenditure on the Head is higher by \$224,050.

organisation, it has been considered desirable to show the cost of operating these two organisations under a separate and new Head of expenditure.

A.—Fish Marketing Organisation

Estimate 1949-50	.... \$73,927
Revised Estimate 1948-49	..... 40
Approved Estimate 1948-49	.... 40
Actual Expenditure 1947-48	.... 40

The staff of this organisation has been detached from the personnel of the Fisheries Department and the Directorate of the former Development Secretariat. It is not therefore possible to give comparative figures of expenditure.

B.—Vegetable Marketing Organisation

Estimate 1949-50	.... \$70,852
Revised Estimate 1948-49	..... 40
Approved Estimate 1948-49	.... 40
Actual Expenditure 1947-48	.... 40

The personnel of this department has been detached from the Agriculture Department and the Directorate of the former Development Secretariat so it is not possible to give comparative figures of expenditure. In addition provision is made for a Development Officer who has been engaged on contract during 1948-49 in connection with the Whole-time Vegetable Marketing Organisation.

Head 8. District Office, Now Territories

Estimate 1949-50	.... \$336,790
Revised Estimate 1948-49	..... 320,000
Approved Estimate 1948-49	.... 373,803
Actual Expenditure 1947-48	.... 150,836

Minor changes in staff are responsible for a reduction in personal emoluments of \$10,633. Under Other Charges, Local Public Works has been reduced by \$25,000 and the sub-head for Upkeep of Grounds of Island House, Taipo, has been deleted as a result of the transfer to the Gardens Department of a Gardener formerly employed by the District Commissioner.

Head 9. Education Department

Estimate 1949-50	.... \$349,381
Revised Estimate 1948-49	..... 400,000
Approved Estimate 1948-49	.... 493,570
Actual Expenditure 1947-48	.... 169,723

There has been an increase of only four posts in the establishment. Two of these posts are for gardeners, one of whom was formerly shown under the Police Force Head and the other provided for under Other Charges in the estimates of the District Office, New Territories. A Woman Clerk and Motor Driver shown under temporary staff are necessary as a result of staffing this department from the former Development Secretariat.

A reduction of \$174,500 under Special Expenditure indicates that the programme of rehabilitation of Government grounds unattended during the occupation years is nearing completion. Consequently expenditure under this Head has fallen by \$144,195.

Head 10. Fire Brigade

Estimate 1949-50	.... \$1,184,104
Revised Estimate	..... 1948-49 850,000
Approved Estimate	.... 1948-49 1,098,075
Actual Expenditure	.... 1947-48 560,476

As a result of the decision to keep in commission two fire engines which were replaced by new models in 1948-49 a small increase in staff has been necessary and provision is made for two new posts of sub-officers and 20 new posts of firemen. The result is an increase in personal emoluments of \$68,076. Of the increase of \$40,615 in Other Charges, an additional \$20,000 is required for Stores and Equipment, \$7,000 for Uniforms required by the additional staff and \$5,000 for the larger fleet of vehicles to be kept in commission.

Under Special Expenditure, the sum of \$31,500 is provided for the installation of the new street fire

alarm system, and a new sub-head is shown under Other Charges for the maintenance of this system when it is installed in the coming year.

The net increase on the head is \$80,020.

Head 11. Fisheries Department

Estimate 1949-50	.... \$121,593
Revised Expenditure	..... 1948-49 60,000
Approved Expenditure	.... 1948-49 139,400
Actual Expenditure	.... 1947-48 71,737

The increase of \$14,700 in Other Charges reflects the effect of the amalgamation of portions of three sub-departments into a single department.

The total effect however is to reduce expenditure on this head by \$17,870.

Head 12. Forestry Department

Estimate 1949-50	.... \$429,800
Revised Estimate 1948-49	..... 400,000
Approved Estimate	.... 1948-49 513,248
Actual Expenditure	.... 1947-48 176,000

Although personal emoluments have been increased on an increase of \$37,495 there has been no increase in staff. 71 Foresters who were formerly paid under an Other Charge sub-head will, in future be paid under the temporary staff vote. In consequence Other Charges show a considerable reduction. There is, however, one new sub-head under which \$17,000 is provided for the experimental developmental development of forestry lots in the Sai Kung area. Total expenditure on the Head is reduced by \$83,352.

Head 13. Garden Department

Estimate 1949-50	.... \$349,381
Revised Estimate 1948-49	..... 400,000
Approved Estimate	.... 493,570
Actual Expenditure	.... 169,723

Under Special Expenditure further provision in the five years plan for relaying and renewing the permanent way is provided for. Other items cover a building programme, the major item of which is the repair of workshops costing \$180,000 which are required in order to provide secure accommodation for large quantities of machines and tools which are beginning to arrive from the United Kingdom. The sum of \$180,000 is also provided to cover part of the cost of providing adequate railway facilities for the new Wo Hop Shek Cemetery which it is planned to open in the New Territories and for which a further sum of \$500,000 is provided under Public Works Extraordinary.

Expenditure on the Kowloon-Canton Railway for 1949-50 shows a reduction of \$1,200,685 on the current year's estimates.

Head 17. Labour Department

Estimate 1949-50	.... \$286,335
Revised Estimate 1948-49	..... 240,000
Approved Estimate	.... 1948-49 262,020
Actual Expenditure	.... 1947-48 136,888

The opportunity has been taken to bring the title of this department into line with other departments and it has been altered from Labour Office to Labour Department. There has been one increase, namely, a Woman Labour Inspector.

Minor changes under Other Charges cancel each other out and the provision is the same as in 1948-49. Expenditure on the Head has risen by \$24,300.

Head 18. Legal Department

Estimates 1949-50	.... \$370,874
Revised Estimate 1949-50	..... 500,000
Approved Estimate 1948-49	.... 543,140
Actual expenditure	.... 1947-48 308,814

Head 19. Magistracies

Estimate 1949-50	.... \$242,881
Revised Estimate 1949-50	..... 220,000
Approved Estimate	.... 1948-49 215,047
Actual Expenditure	.... 1947-48 150,148

For ease of reference both the Hong Kong and Kowloon Magistracies are shown under a new Head of expenditure. Only minor changes have occurred in the temporary staff and in both sub-departments expenditure in the coming year is only slightly higher than in 1948-49.

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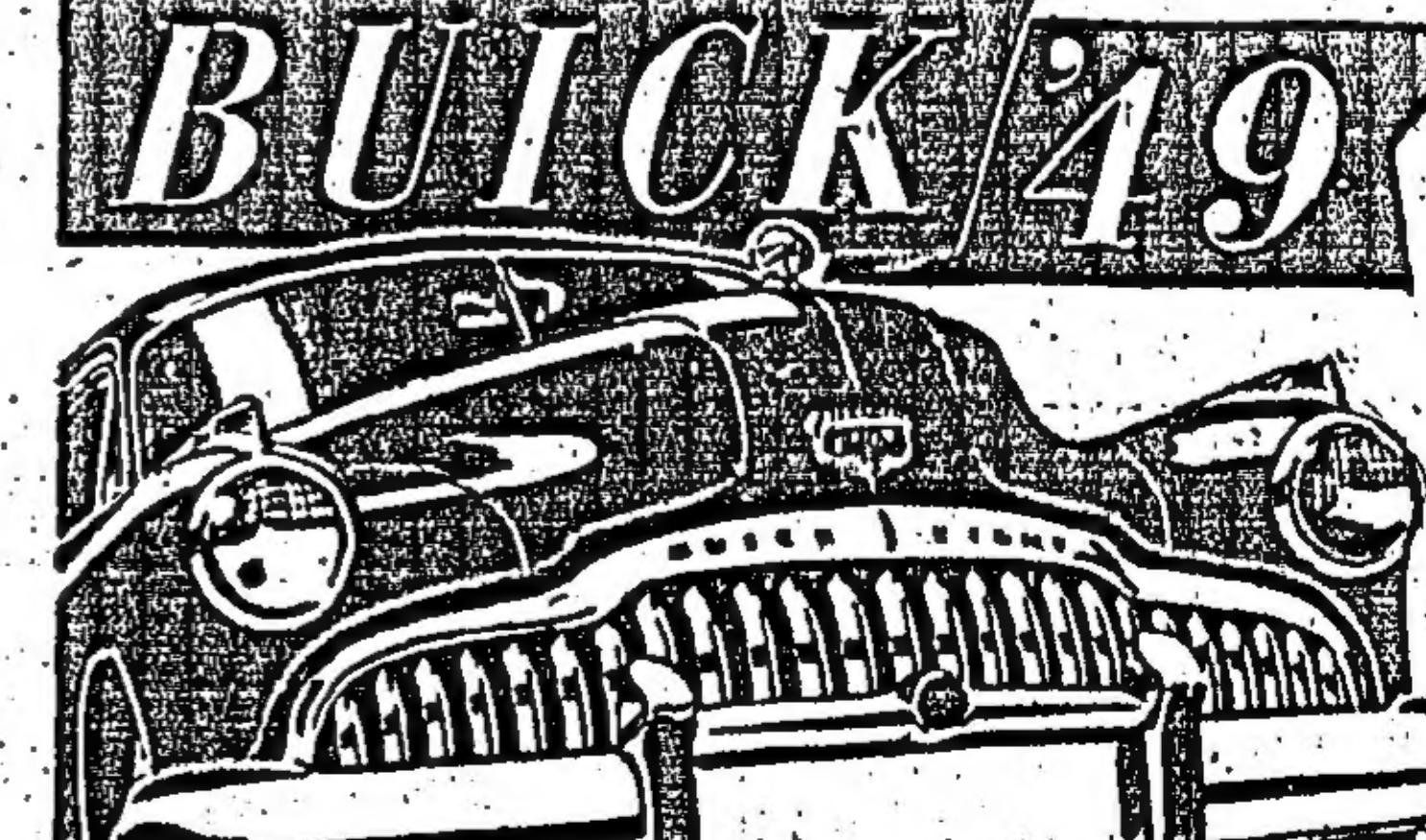
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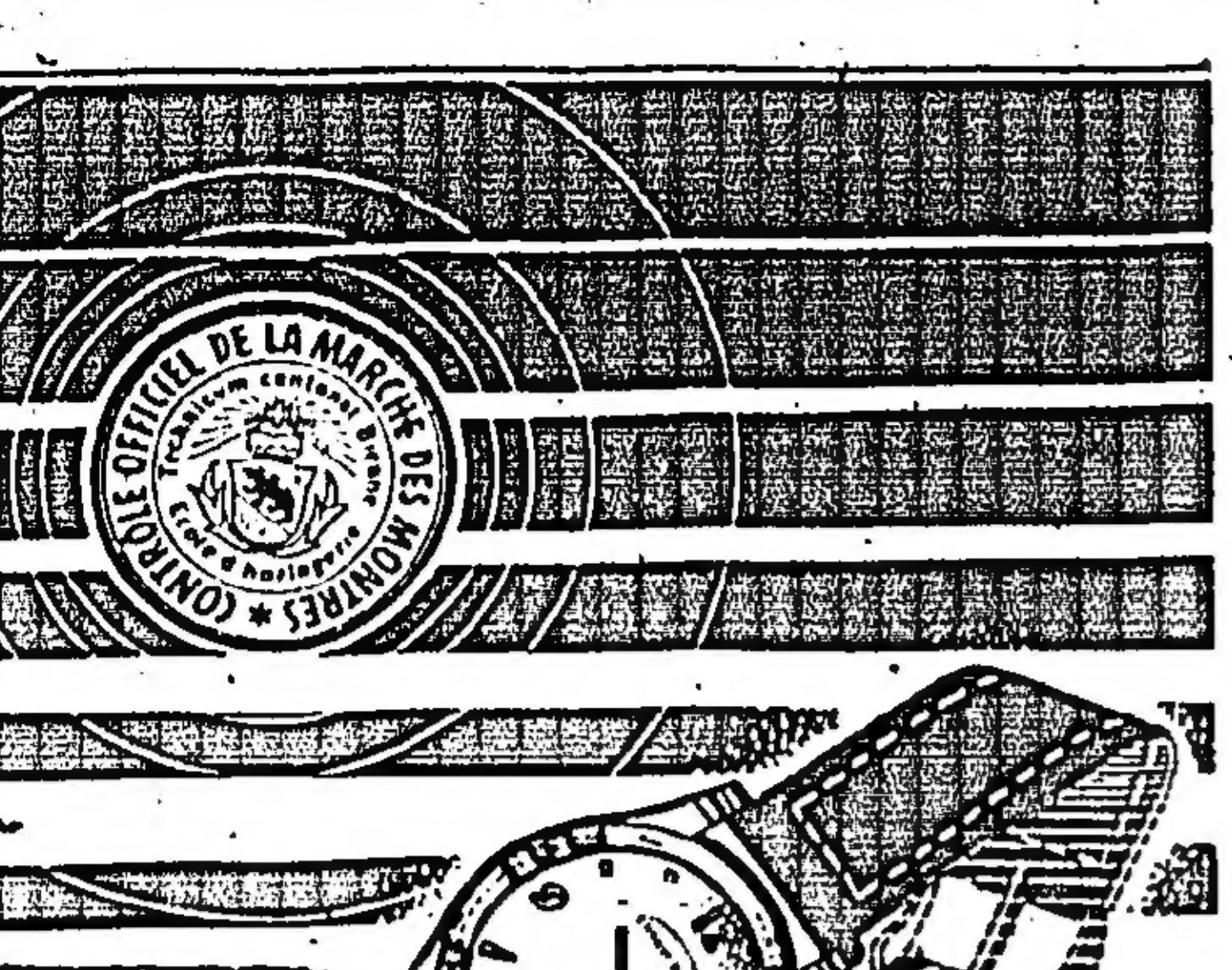
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ITEMISED EXPENDITURE IN BUDGET

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Head 20. Marine Department

Estimate 1948-50..	\$4,802,137
Revised Estimate 1948-49..	3,700,000
Approved Estimate 1948-49..	4,822,802
Actual Expenditure 1947-48..	3,368,150

The number of vessels operated by this department has increased considerably since before the war. The salary of the Director of Marine was revised in the course of the current year, and in the 1948-50 Estimates the establishment of Senior Marine Officers has been increased from three to four and the number of Marine Officers reduced from eight to seven. In addition two supernumerary posts of Surveyor of Ships have been provided to cover the period of leave of two officers who are retiring. Certain reductions are made in Deck and Engine room staff as a result of a decision to send to Singapore on a three-year course. Considerable savings have been shown under Leprosy Asylum at Shek Lung, \$84,350 for extra fees for staff of Anti-tuberculosis institutions, and \$8,750 for the training of dental students whom it is proposed to send to Singapore on a three-year course. Considerable savings have been shown under medicines and instruments, bedding and clothing, stores and equipment, supplementary feeding of tuberculous patients, uniforms and upkeep of vehicles. On the other hand X-ray departmental expenses, washing, and travelling expenses all of which were shown in the estimates in the current financial year require additional provision.

The Special Expenditure items amount to \$46,970 less than in 1948-49. Apart from re-votes of money not expended this year, the main items are provision of \$30,000 for air-conditioning plant for the operating room in Kowloon Hospital and the Kowloon Mortuary, \$75,000 for replacing motor transport and \$50,000 to cover the cost of providing sun blinds in various hospitals and institutions.

The total expenditure on the Head shows a reduction of \$3,173,313, mostly offset by the transfer of \$2,625,000 to the Subventions. The total increase under this Head amounts to \$179,323.

Head 21. Medical Department

Estimate 1948-50..	\$12,601,935
\$2,625,000 under Subventions.	
Revised Estimate 1948-49..	\$13,000,000
Approved Estimate 1948-49..	15,775,248
Actual Expenditure 1947-48..	7,023,423

In the course of the year, a review of the staff requirements for permanent institutions under the control of the Medical Department was carried out with the result that a number of posts previously shown under temporary staff have been transferred to the pensionable and non-pensionable establishments. The provision for temporary staff has accordingly been reduced from \$806,508 to \$272,717.

The Salaries Commission recommended the creation of a greater number of specialist posts and provision is made for a Medical Specialist, Gynaecological and Obstetrical Specialist, Senior Port Health Officer, Senior Dental Surgeon and Senior Radiologist. These new posts represent no increase in the establishment as a corresponding reduction has been made in Medical and Health Officers, Dental Surgeons and Radiologists. One new specialist post has been created, a Tuberculosis Specialist and one new post of Medical Officer for Industrial Health, whose activities will be closely related to the work of the Labour Department.

Further expansion in mass radiographic work requires an increase of four Radiographic Assistants. There is also an increase of four posts of Laboratory Assistants and six Health Inspectors have been regraded as Senior Health Inspectors. On

the other hand two posts of Women Interpreters and Assistants have been abolished and two Disinfecting Station Engineers together with thirteen Cleaning Chargemen and 108 Cleaning Coolies have been transferred to the Sanitary Department.

The net increase in personnel emoluments is \$558,727. Grants amounting to \$2,025,-000 to the Alice Memorial and Tung Wah Groups of Hospitals are now shown under Subventions. In addition there is a reduction of over \$1,000,000 for recurrent expenditure in spite of the introduction of four new sub-heads. These are \$200,000 for the Maintenance of Lepers, which had previously been shown under Subventions under Leprosy Asylum at Shek Lung, \$84,350 for extra fees for staff of Anti-tuberculosis institutions, and \$8,750 for the training of dental students whom it is proposed to send to Singapore on a three-year course. Considerable savings have been shown under medicines and instruments, bedding and clothing, stores and equipment, supplementary feeding of tuberculous patients, uniforms and upkeep of vehicles. On the other hand X-ray departmental expenses, washing, and travelling expenses all of which were shown in the estimates in the current financial year require additional provision.

The former practice of showing the rank and file in separate contingents has been discontinued and the strength of the force can now be seen at a glance. Consequent on the increase in the number of Constables, four new posts of Sergeants and eight new posts of Corporals have been created. The establishment of Constables is increased by 537 new posts. In addition 158 new posts have been created to absorb the former civilian Water Police who are passing through the Police Training School at periodic intervals. There has been some reduction in the number of civilian Water Police but there are a number of posts which are supernumerary to the establishment. These are required because personnel are needed to man launches while trainees are undergoing their courses which are of five months' duration. The establishment of Water Police will be stabilised when the process of conversion, which will continue into 1950-51 is complete.

Apart from the detailing of staff formerly shown under temporary staff, there is an increase of two posts of Telephone Operator and a reduction of one post of Gardener who has been transferred to the Gardens Department.

But for an increase of \$320,000 for upkeep of vehicles. Other charges would have been reduced from the previous year's total. The figure of \$80,000 provided in 1948 for the upkeep of vehicles was under-estimated as the result of a misunderstanding regarding the allocation of expenditure and a supplementary provision of \$262,000 was authorised during the year.

Considerable expenditure amounting to \$800,270 is provided under Special Expenditure. It will be seen from the items detailed in the text of the estimates that this expenditure is almost exclusively devoted to measures connected with industrial security.

Total expenditure on the Head is \$12,633,722 compared with \$10,428,691 in 1948-49.

Head 25. Post Office, Broadcasting And Telecommunications**A.—Post Office**

Estimate 1948-50..	\$3,664,058
Revised Estimate 1948-49..	2,740,000
Approved Estimate 1948-49..	2,914,820
Actual Expenditure 1947-48..	1,668,270

Apart from an increase of one Launch Officer which was authorised in the course of 1948-49, changes in the establishment represent transfers to other departments. Certain Telecommunications staff which are concerned solely with wire-

Head 23. Pensions

Estimate 1948-50..	\$6,720,000
Revised Estimate 1948-49..	6,000,000
Approved Estimate 1948-49..	6,013,000
Actual Expenditure 1947-48..	5,022,336

Of the increase of \$707,000 under this Head \$450,000 represents pensions, allowances and grants paid to members of the local volunteer forces under Royal Warrants. This is a new sub-head. Prior to the recent settlement with His Majesty's Government all volunteer pensions were charged to a suspense account. They are now committed on Hong Kong funds and adequate provision is made for them.

Head 24. Police Force

Estimate 1948-50..	\$12,633,722
Revised Estimate 1948-49..	10,400,000
Approved Estimate 1948-49..	10,428,681
Actual Expenditure 1947-48..	8,627,702

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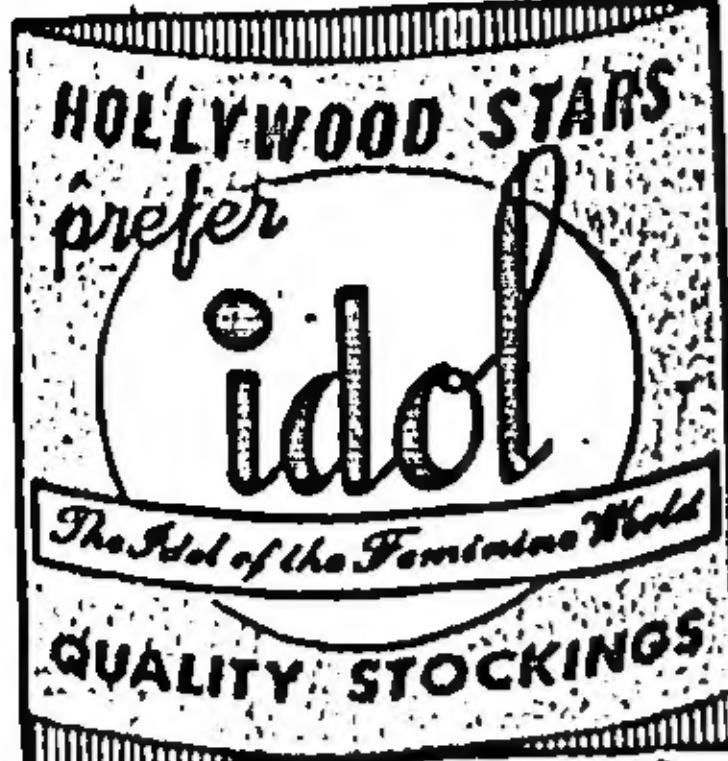
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Trouble Brewing In
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Paris, March 17: French Foreign Ministry sources said today that the French Government is devoting close attention to the situation in South Eastern Europe. These sources referred to reports of some impending move by the Cominiform countries against Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito plus reports of Bulgarian and Rumanian troop concentrations along Yugoslavia's borders.

Ministry officials said they had no definite information which might confirm these press despatches or indicate an imminent move. Some concern is felt, however, at the prospect that the Russians might attempt to resurrect an independent Macedonia, a step certain to encounter armed opposition from the Yugoslav Government.

For two or three days some French newspapers have carried sensational stories saying that Bulgarian, Rumanian and Albanian authorities intend to foster a Macedonian state.

The new Macedonia, according to these reports, would embrace the Southern tip of Yugoslavia, a segment of Albania and the portion of Greece around Salonika. One paper said the scheme includes the proclamation of Salonika as "capital" of this new state.

Such a territory would re-establish Russia's overland contact with Albania which has been cut off since the Soviet defeat since Marshal Tito's defection from the Cominiform.

Albania's economic situation has been described as failing apart since its isolation from the rest of Eastern Europe.

Bebler Prediction

A Ministry spokesman said that the French Government has not received any report from its envoys in the Balkans to substantiate these rumours.

Well-informed French official quarters predict that an anti-Tito coup, if one is really brewing, would be staged by pro-Soviet dissident groups within Yugoslavia beginning with a revolt against the Tito regime.

Once such a rebellion got under way it would be easy for the USSR to send in clandestine assistance, these quarters point out, in this way it could be maintained that the uprising was purely a matter of Yugoslav domestic politics.

In London, Alex Bebler, Yugoslav Deputy Foreign Minister, predicted today that the Cominiform will intensify its pressure on Marshal Tito's regime in the next six months.

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"I cannot help it. I have to wear this thing," replied the judge.

Giving judgment, he said that the permanent wave was not carried out with that degree of skill which a person has a right to expect.—Reuters.

"INSIDE STORY" OF
THE BERLIN CRISIS

Geneva March 16.

The United States alone among the Big Four rejected a plan to break the Berlin currency deadlock, worked out in December by the Security Council's "Neutral" Committee of experts, it was announced tonight.

The solution, accepted as a basis for discussion by Britain, the Soviet Union and France, provided for the simultaneous lifting of the blockade and the introduction of the Soviet mark throughout Berlin.

It gave far-reaching de facto autonomy to the city's four sectors to control currency and trade, but proposed an intricate mechanism to preserve the proportion between the issue of the Soviet marks in Berlin and in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

The Committee's report was released simultaneously in Lake Success and Geneva.

The Committee was set up on November 30 last year by Dr. Juan Bramuglia, Argentinian Foreign Minister, who was then President of the Security Council, to find a technical way out of the deadlock on Berlin.

The deadlock became complete when the Soviet Union earlier vetoed a Security Council resolution, which called for the Soviet blockade to be lifted and asked that the four occupying powers to consult on a solution for Berlin.

The neutral experts held 70 meetings in Paris and Geneva in a period of six weeks, and finally reported to the President of the Security Council on February 11 that they had not been able to secure the agreement of the four occupying powers to a solution of the Berlin currency and trade problem.

Compromise Plan

Their report was drawn up by the Chairman, Mr. N. A. Robertson, until recently Canadian High Commissioner in London.

It was disclosed that on December 22, a compromise solution was proposed to the four occupying powers, with the urgent request that they comment on it within 10 days.

The solution gave far-reaching de facto autonomy to the dif-

ferent sections of Berlin in control of currency and trade, with a split banking system, but at the same time proposed an intricate mechanism to preserve the proportion between the issue of the Soviet marks in Berlin and in the Soviet Zone.

The Soviet Union rejected with the stipulated time that it accepted the general framework of the proposals as a basis for discussion and agreement.

The three Western powers, having failed to agree on a joint reply to the proposals, asked for extra time. Ten days later, the United States rejected the proposals as not providing the basis for an equitable or workable solution to the Berlin currency and trade problem.

Too Far

Britain and France simultaneously sent in identical memoranda, containing detailed amendments to the Committee's proposals and assuming their general framework.

The United States accompanied its rejection of the Committee's proposals by a memorandum declaring that the split in Berlin had gone too far to make it possible to establish four-power control over currency and trade.

The United States, therefore, made an alternative proposal, under which the Soviet mark would be introduced throughout Berlin, but exclusively under Western control in the Western sectors of the city.

The Soviet Union, under this proposal, would have been asked to erect a trade and currency curtain around the Western sectors, in order that the Western issuing of the Eastern mark

should not adversely affect the economy of the Soviet occupation areas.

The Soviet Union rejected the American proposals as being outside the Committee's terms of reference, which specified quadripartite control of currency and trade.

Out Of Order

After three more weeks of discussion, and by the time the winter session of the Berlin airlift had been assured, the three Western powers agreed to join in rejecting the Committee's proposals and in promoting the United States' plan.

The British, American and French experts jointly added that if a reunification of the Municipal Administration of Berlin can be achieved, they would be prepared to reconsider the Committee's compromise.

The Soviet Union, repeating that there were no irreconcilable differences between the Committee's proposals and the Soviet view, again ruled the American plan out of order.

The Committee thereupon gave up its efforts and reported its failure to the President of the Security Council.

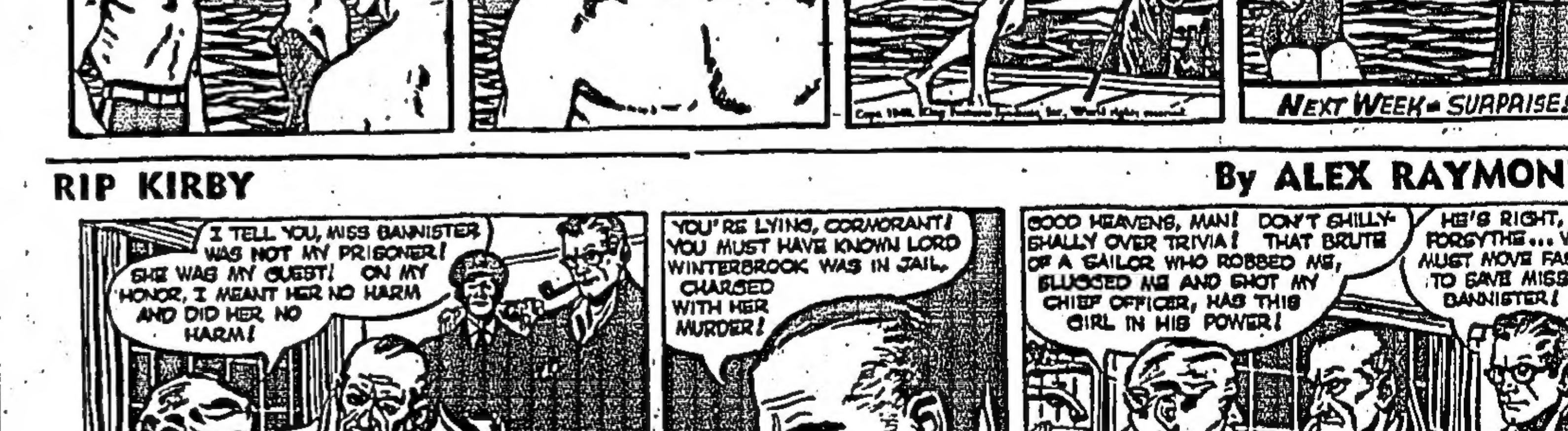
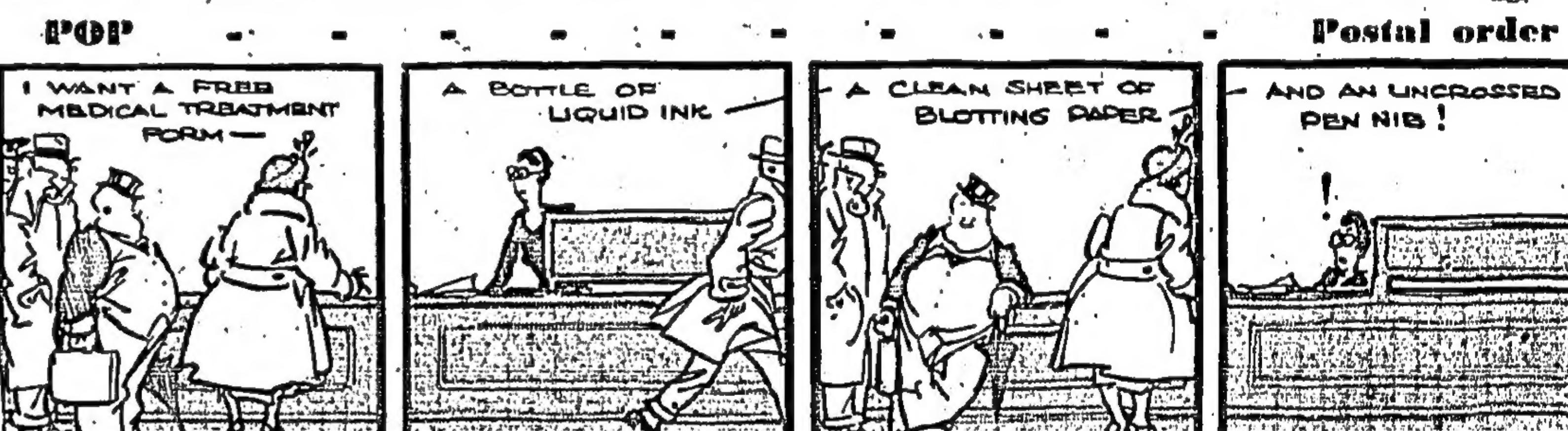
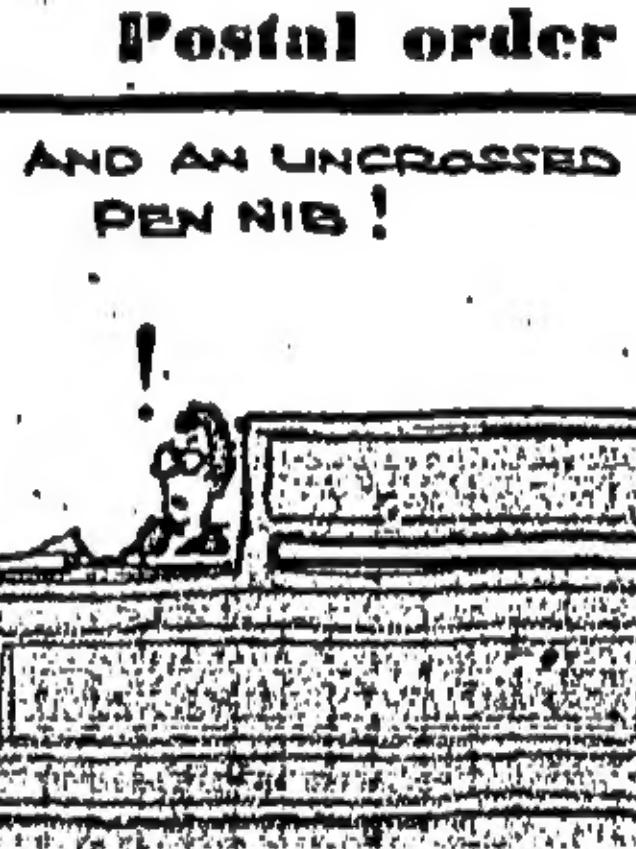
All five members of the Committee signed the report, which gave a chronological account of the various moves in the compromise efforts. But the Argentine expert, Dr. Ares, appended a note criticizing the Committee for having decided not to try to apportion the blame between the Big Four for the failure of the negotiations.

Russia Blamed

The United States today blamed Russia for the breakdown of the negotiations on the Berlin currency and trade problems.

The State Department, in an official statement, said that the Soviets have sought a solution of the problems on Berlin through the illegal application of force, as exemplified by their arbitrary blockade.—Reuters.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The market is still lacking any

attention.
H.K. GOVT. LOANS:
4% Loan 102½%
3½% Loan (1934 & 1940) 102½%
3½% Loan (1948) 102½%.

BANKS:
H.K. & S. Bank 102½%; 110½%
(Lond. Head) 110%
Chartered Bank (X.D.) 110½/11½%
Mercantile Bank (X.D.) 122½%
Bank of East Asia 108%, 117½%.

INDUSTRIES:
Carter's Ltd. 120%
Union Inv. 120%, 122½%, 110½%
China Underwriters 12½%
H.K. Fire Inv. (X.D.) 125%, 127½%.

SHIPPING:
Douglas 120%
H.K. M. & G. 115%
India China (Prop.) 120%
(Dot.) 122½%
Shells (Leicester) 120%
Union Waterboat 120%
Ales Nav. 120%, 125%.

INDUSTRY, WHATEVER, GOVERNMENT, Etc.
H.K. & S. Wharves (Old) 135½%
(New) 132%
North Point Wharves 120%, 125%
K.H. Docks 120%
China Provincial 120%
Shanghai Dockyards 120%
Whalebacks 120%, 125%.

MINING:
Hauk Mines 120%
H.K. Mines 101½%.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS:
H. & S. Hotels (X.D.) 120%
H.K. Land (X.D.) 120%, 122½%
Shanghai Land 120%, 125%, 110%, 107½%
H.K. Building 120%.

PUBLIC UTILITIES:
H.K. Tramways (X.D.) 120%
Peak Trams (Old) 120%
(Now) 120%
Star Ferry 120%
U. Lights (Old) 115%
(New) 109, 108, 108%, 103½%
H.K. Electric (X.D.) 120%
Macao Electric 120%
Macau Lights 120%
Telephones 104%, 105%
Shanghai Gas 120%.

INDUSTRIALS:
Calt. Mack. (Orl.) 120%
China Inv. 120%
Gomtak 120%, 125%
H.K. Hopet 120%
STORES, Etc.:
Dairy Farms (Old) 100%, 100%
(New) 100%
Watsons 120%, 125½%
J. Crawfords (Old) 120%
(New) 120%
Chinese Emporium 120%
Sun Co. 120%
Kwong Sang Bank 120%
Wing On (H.K.) 120%
Wm. Powell Ltd. 110%.

MISCELLANEOUS:
China Entertainments 120%
H.K. Construction (Old) 6%
H.K. 120%
Vibro Piling 120%
Hawman Insurance 120%
Maritime Loan 120%
Yangtze 120%, 125%.

COTTONS:
Ewes 120%, 8.60%
FABRICS, Etc., COMPANIES:
Ald. 120%
Aust. Ansons 120%
Batachikian 120%
Chromex United 120%
Consolidated Rubbers 120%
Dominion Rubber 120%
Padang Rubbers 120%
Rashish Rubbers 120%
Rubber Trade 120%
Sealand Rubbers 120%
Semarang Rubbers 120%
Shanghai Kedars 120%
Shanghai Malaya 120%
Sun Manzila 10%
Tenah Merah 10%, 10%
Tebonk Rubbers 120%.

World Business Shows Increase

Washington, March 16.
The United States Department of Commerce estimates that the total of all business among all nations in 1948 exceeded \$51,000,000,000. This is about six per cent greater than the 1947 total, \$48,000,000,000.

The department said 1948 prices were 10 per cent higher than those for 1947 and that the 1948 total in value is believed to be three or four per cent less than that of 1947.

The American share of the 1948 figure was estimated at \$12,000,000,000. Compared with 1947, this is a decline of 18 per cent in value and 23 per cent in volume.

World trade is slightly out of balance, the department said, because of bottleneck heavy world demand for American products which is greater than the ability of most countries to pay. The department said the situation will continue to be difficult, although some countries are increasing their exports.

World business figures are arrived at by taking the export figure from all nations. In doing so, the Orient is seen to have played an important part in the global trading for last year.

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